

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated May 1, 2003. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended. Claims 32-62 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-31 are pending. Consideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendment and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to remove the explanatory parenthesis "(Gibb's reagent)" after 2,6-dichloroquinone-4-chloroimide.

No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Information Disclosure Statement

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that a copy of each article filed in the 6/7/2001 IDS cannot be located after a search for the references, but that "the Examiner has reprinted the U.S. and foreign patent documents and it is not necessary to resubmit these." The Examiner also states that the information in the PTO-1449 form filed on 6/7/2001 was incomplete, in that the full title of the article as well as the month of publication of certain references was not included.

In response, a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) containing substitute copies 1-69 of references 6-74 enclosed with the 6/7/2001 IDS. It is noted that copies of these references were, indeed, submitted with the 6/7/2001 IDS, and received by the U.S.P.T.O as indicated by the receipt stamp on

the return postcard (see enclosed copy). This supplemental IDS is therefore submitted to provide the Examiner with substitute copies of these references.

A substitute PTO-1449 form including the author, title, journal, volume, number, inclusive pages, (month) and year, listing references 1-69, accompanies this submission. It is respectfully requested that that each document cited be given thorough consideration by the Examiner, and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of this application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document.¹

Indefiniteness

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-31 as indefinite for the recitation of "Gibb's reagent" within parenthesis in claims 1 and 16.

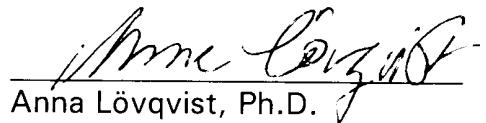
In this response, claims 1 and 16 have been amended so that they do not recite any term in parenthesis. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

It is earnestly believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance. An early consideration of this response and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner

¹ While initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms filed on 6/7/2001 (U.S. and foreign patents) and 2/25/2003 were received with the present Office Action, Applicants have not yet received an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form submitted on 9/24/2001 with an International Search Report.

believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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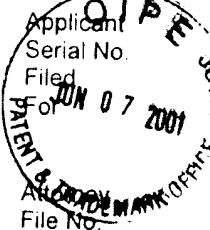
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